

Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly replace the previous claim set with the claim set which appears below in which Claims 53 and 54 have been added and Claims 3-4, 6-9, 11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-26, 29-39 and 41-50 have been amended to read as follows:

1. (Original) A dispensing nozzle comprising:

- (i) an elongate nozzle body having a base portion and a dispensing end;
- (ii) an internal conduit in the nozzle body for delivering product from the base portion to the dispensing end;
- (iii) engaging formations on the nozzle for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on a cap, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and
- (iv) an external ramp on the nozzle body and against which a co-operating portion on the cap may act, to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position.

2. (Original) A nozzle according to claim 1 wherein the separating force of the co-operating surface and the external

ramp is provided by the action of relative rotation of the cap and the nozzle in at least one direction.

3. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the ramp comprises a ramping surface oblique to the direction of rotation of the cap.

4. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the separating force of the co-operating surface and the external ramp is provided by the action of relative rotation of the cap and the nozzle in two opposing directions.

5. (Original) A nozzle according to claim 4 wherein the ramp comprises two opposing ramp surfaces which are oblique to the direction of rotation of the cap.

6. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any one of claims~~ 2 to 5 wherein the relative rotation required to effect separation is less than about 90° .

7. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any one of claims~~ 2 to 6 wherein the relative rotation required to effect separation is less than about 80° .

8. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any one of~~ claims 2 ~~to~~ 7 wherein the relative rotation required to effect separation is less than about 60° .

9. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any one of~~ claims 2 ~~to~~ 8 wherein the ramp is provided by a ramp surface on an external shoulder defined on the nozzle body.

10. (Original) A nozzle according to claim 9 wherein the external shoulder is defined on a bridging portion on the nozzle, which bridges two portions of the nozzle having different diameters.

11. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to claim 9 ~~or claim~~ 10 wherein the shoulder provides a surface circumferentially disposed about at least a portion of a longitudinal axis of the nozzle body.

12. (Original) A nozzle according to claim 11 wherein the orientation of the surface is substantially transverse to the longitudinal axis of the nozzle body.

13. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceeding~~ claim 1 wherein the ramp comprises a ramp surface with a first portion and a second portion arranged so that movement along the ramp from the first to the second portion will provide a desired lift.

14. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceeding~~ claim 1 in which the ramp comprises two opposing ramp surfaces arranged to meet contiguously at lower ends thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceeding~~ claim 1 wherein the ramp is curved about a longitudinal axis of the nozzle so as to follow the travel path of the co-operating portion on the cap of the nozzle.

16. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceeding~~ claim 1 wherein the ramp is provided on a circumferentially arranged ridge portion which is spaced from, and extends about, a wall portion of the nozzle portion.

17. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceeding~~ claim 1 wherein the ramp is arranged so as to be clearly visible to a user in both the disengaged or inter-engaged position.

18. (Currently amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the nozzle inter-engages with the cap in a push fit manner.

19. (Original) A nozzle according to claim 18 wherein the nozzle inter-engages with the cap in a snap-fit arrangement.

20. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to claim 18 ~~or claim 19~~ wherein the nozzle additionally inter-engages with the cap in a twist-fit arrangement.

21. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein first and second ramps are provided longitudinally spaced apart along the nozzle body.

22. (Original) A nozzle according to claim 21 wherein snap-fit formations on the nozzle body are arranged on the nozzle body between said first and second ramps.

23. (Currently amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein first and second ramps are provided transversely spaced apart on the nozzle body.

24. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any one of~~ claims 21 ~~to 23~~ wherein said first and second ramps are provided on a shoulder on the nozzle.

25. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any one of~~ claims 21 ~~to 24~~ wherein a further co-operating portion of the cap is arranged to act against said second ramp.

26. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 comprising at least one further external ramp on the nozzle body against which internal longitudinal ribs running along the internal cap body may act.

27. (Original) A cap for overfitting a dispensing nozzle comprising:

- (i) a first closed end;
- (ii) a housing for receiving an elongate nozzle body and defining a second open end;
- (iii) engaging formations on the cap for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on the nozzle, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and
- (iii) a mouth about the open end;

at least one co-operating portion on the cap arranged to act on a ramping surface of the nozzle when overfitted on the nozzle so as to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position.

28. (Original) A cap according to claim 27 wherein said at least one co-operating portion projection is shaped to mate with the ramp surface.

29. (Currently Amended) A cap according to claim 27 ~~or 28~~ wherein the separating force of the co-operating surface and the external ramp is provided by the action of relative rotation of the cap and the nozzle in at least one direction.

30. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of~~ claims 27 ~~to 29~~ wherein the separating force of the co-operating surface and the external ramp is provided by the action of relative rotation of the cap and the nozzle in two opposing directions.

31. (Currently Amended) A cap according to claim 29 ~~or 30~~ wherein the relative rotation required to effect separation is less than about 90° .

32. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 29 to 31~~ wherein the relative rotation required to effect separation is less than about 80° .

33. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 29 to 32~~ wherein the relative rotation required to effect separation is less than about 60° .

34. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 27 to 33~~ wherein said at least one co-operating portion is of a convex shape.

35. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 27 to 34~~ wherein said at least one co-operating portion is in the form of a projection.

36. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 27 to 35~~ wherein the travel path of the co-operating portion on the cap is a circumferential path about the nozzle.

37. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of~~ claims 27 ~~to 36~~ comprising two opposing co-operating portions provided on the cap.

38. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of~~ claims 27 ~~to 37~~ comprising internal inter-engaging formation for inter-engaging with formations located externally on the nozzle.

39. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of~~ claims 27 ~~to 38~~ comprising a further co-operating portion on the cap for co-operating with a further ramp on the nozzle.

40. (Original) A cap according to claim 39 wherein the further co-operating portion of the cap is provided on an internal shoulder.

41. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of~~ claims 27 ~~to 40~~ further comprising at least one internal longitudinal rib running along the internal cap body from the closed end toward the open end.

42. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 27 to 41~~ further comprising at least two internal longitudinal ribs spaced apart within the cap body and running along the internal cap body from the closed end toward the open end thereof.

43. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 27 to 42~~ further comprising a pin within the housing attached at one end to the cap and having a free end projecting toward the open end of the cap.

44. (Currently Amended) A cap according to ~~any one of claims 27 to 43~~ arranged to overfit and inter-engage with a nozzle ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 26.~~

45. (Currently Amended) A nozzle according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 26~~ arranged to have overfitted thereto and inter-engaged therewith a cap ~~according to any one of claims 27 to 44.~~

46. (Currently Amended) An assembly comprising a cap for overfitting a dispensing nozzle comprising:

(i) a first closed end;

(ii) a housing for receiving an elongate nozzle body and defining a second open end;

(iii) engaging formations on the cap for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on the nozzle, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and
(iii) a mouth about the open end;

at least one co-operating portion on the cap arranged to act on a ramping surface of the nozzle when overfitted on the nozzle so as to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position as defined in claim 44 overfitted on and engaged with a nozzle comprising:

(i) an elongate nozzle body having a base portion and a dispensing end;
(ii) an internal conduit in the nozzle body for delivering product from the base portion to the dispensing end;
(iii) engaging formations on the nozzle for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on a cap, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and
(iv) an external ramp on the nozzle body and against which a co-operating portion on the cap may act, to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position as defined in claim 45.

47. (Currently Amended) A container having integrally formed therewith a nozzle ~~as defined in any one of claims 1 to 26~~ comprising:

- (i) an elongate nozzle body having a base portion and a dispensing end;
- (ii) an internal conduit in the nozzle body for delivering product from the base portion to the dispensing end;
- (iii) engaging formations on the nozzle for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on a cap, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and
- (iv) an external ramp on the nozzle body and against which a co-operating portion on the cap may act, to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position, the nozzle arranged for dispensing dispensable product from the container.

48. (Currently Amended) A container having attached thereto a nozzle ~~as defined in any one of claims 1 to 26~~ comprising:

- (i) an elongate nozzle body having a base portion and a dispensing end;

(ii) an internal conduit in the nozzle body for delivering product from the base portion to the dispensing end;
(iii) engaging formations on the nozzle for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on a cap, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and
(iv) an external ramp on the nozzle body and against which a co-operating portion on the cap may act, to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position, the nozzle arranged for dispensing dispensable product from the container.

49. (Currently Amended) A container according to claim 47 ~~or 48~~ further comprising a cap for overfitting a dispensing nozzle comprising:

(i) a first closed end;
(ii) a housing for receiving an elongate nozzle body and defining a second open end;
(iii) engaging formations on the cap for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on the nozzle, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and
(iii) a mouth about the open end;

at least one co-operating portion on the cap arranged to act on a ramping surface of the nozzle when overfitted on the nozzle so as to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position as defined in claim 44 overfitted on and engaged with the nozzle.

50. (Currently Amended) A container according to ~~any one of~~ claims 47 ~~to 48~~ containing therein a curable product.

51. (Original) A container according to claim 49 50 wherein the curable product is an adhesive product.

52. (Original) A container according to claim 50 51 wherein the adhesive is a cyanoacrylate adhesive.

53. (New) A container according to claim 48 further comprising a cap for overfitting a dispensing nozzle comprising:

- (i) a first closed end;
- (ii) a housing for receiving an elongate nozzle body and defining a second open end;

(iii) engaging formations on the cap for inter-engaging with co-operating engaging formations on the nozzle, to hold said cap in a position over-fitting the nozzle; and

(iii) a mouth about the open end;

at least one co-operating portion on the cap arranged to act on a ramping surface of the nozzle when overfitted on the nozzle so as to provide sufficient relative separation force between the cap and the nozzle body, to separate the engaging formations on the cap and the nozzle from an inter-engaged position overfitted on and engaged with the nozzle.

54. (New) A container according to claim 48 containing therein a curable product.